## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## the City Of Augusto

## **Proclamation**

IN RECOGNITION of "Arbor Day"

WHEREAS, Spirit Creek Educational Forest is 570 acres of forestland surrounded by urban development in South Augusta/Richmond County, dedicated to teaching our youth and adults about the forest environment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's forests provide clean air, water, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics which enhances the health and happiness of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Augusta has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 19, 2005, as "ARBOR DAY" observed in Augusta, Georgia, and with the planting of a Pin Oak, recognize the Spirit Creek Educational Forest and its contribution to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005.

**Bob Young**